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## Student Senate gives student body a voice on name change

Maya Gayler  
Managing Editor

The idea of a name change has been talked about for a few months now.

The Board of Trustees is pushing for an official decision before Chancellor Dr. Micheal Metke retires.

Surveys have been conducted through Trellis Co., hired by Vice President of Marketing and Enrollment Services & Chief Communications Officer, Kimberly Lessner.

According to the survey, there were six focus groups. These groups were pulled from faculty/staff, alumni, prospective students and current students.

It is unclear how many current students actually responded and participated. Student Senate is trying to change that.

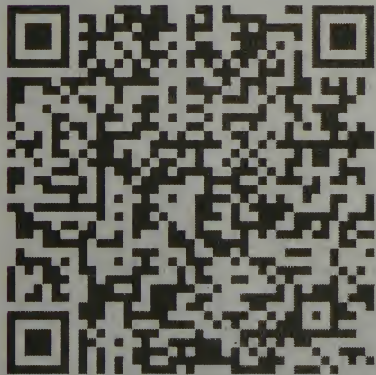
Student Senate made a Google form to be sent out to current students. It has been circulating since at least Feb. 14, 2019.

"We are hoping to present the data to the Board of Trustees," said President of Student Senate Christian Marez.

They are trying to give the students a voice about an issue that is happening on campus right now. "We want to hear the students' honest opinion," said Marez.

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COURTESY- KAITLYN VEST

International Game Developer Association officer Jim Rasberry competes in the IGDA Fortnite tournament in September 2018.

## Let the games begin

Sydni Cunningham  
Online Editor

This semester has brought many new developments to Tyler Junior College, such as new programs and new clubs. However, the semester has also reintroduced old clubs in a new light. On Feb. 22, the International Game Developers Association held a gaming tournament in the Wagstaff Gym conference room. The game for this month was the new fighting game, "Jump Force," that was released Feb. 15.

This tournament is a part of a new series of tournament events that the IGDA has started this spring. There will be a tournament on the last Friday of every month. The IGDA President, Kaitlyn Vest, expressed excitement about the tournaments.

"The tournament promotes a vibrant student life because there is not a lot of gaming stuff on campus we have noticed. So, we are trying to hit that little niche and bring the gamers in and say 'Hey, we

are here, come meet other gamers and hang out and have a friendly competition.' [Also] we would like to expand into the community service aspect by trying to do livestreams of it for charity where we'll stream it from campus. We must get approval on that, so it is in the works. If it is approved, while we are playing, people can come in watch us and donate to the charity we have set for that month," Vest explained.

The club is also working to break the common stereotype about gamers. According to an article on Whatculture.com, gaming is offered views as pointless, male-dominated, immature and violent, while gamers are viewed as introverted and lazy.

IGDA are hoping that the tournaments can help show other people that gamers are just like everyone else.

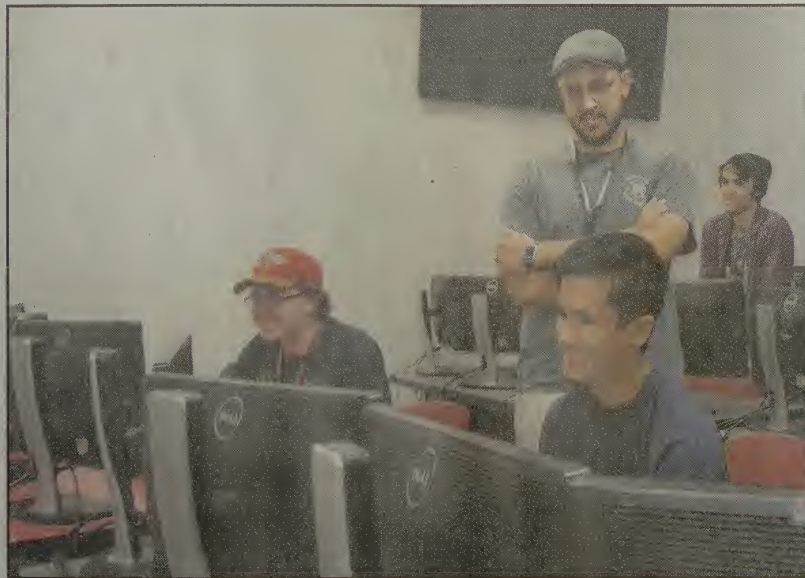
"It is for fun, but we are also trying to reach out and say 'Hey, we're gamers, we are not just the stereotypical lazy, angry Cheeto-eaters.' We want to reach out to the community and have fun. It doesn't matter if you are really good at games or you never played this game before. We

have a practice area set up, and it's free. You can at least play for fun, and you might win something," Vest said.

IGDA has had events like this one before but under a different format. The last tournament they had included a \$5 entrance fee and lesser known prizes. However, this semester the club wanted to find a way to make the event more accessible to the public. This caused the club to look for a way to better fund their event.

"We kind of brainstormed at a couple of meetings with officers and general members. We [asked] what kind of games would they to see and what kind of prizes [they would] like to see ... Eventually, we all voted and pushed it through the SSFAC board, and overall they were impressed. They liked the idea of bringing students together in a very friendly competitive kind of way," said Vest.

If you're into gaming or anime, or you just want to de-stress before a big test, then the IGDA gaming tournaments are for you. IGDA has meetings on the first and third Monday of each month if you are interested in joining the club.



COURTESY- KAITLYN VEST

Students compete in an IGDA tournament.



COURTESY- KAITLYN VEST

A student poses as winner of the IGDA Mario Kart tournament in November 2018.

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## New York's Reproductive Health Act



**Anna Grace Drewett**  
Staff Writer

Recently, abortion rights in New York were strengthened when the Reproductive Health Act was signed into law. New York's old laws specified that in order for a woman to abort after 24 weeks, her life had to be in danger. Now, women are legally allowed to abort, even after 24 weeks, if the fetus is not viable or if the mother or physician feels that it is needed to preserve her health.

The Reproductive Health Act in section 2599-bb states that a health care professional "may perform an abortion when ... the patient is within twenty-four weeks from the commencement of pregnancy, or there is an absence of fetal viability, or the abortion is necessary to protect the patient's life or health."

After 24 weeks, there is a strong chance that the baby could survive outside of the womb with proper medical care; therefore, unlike previous laws,

this new law allows the death of babies that likely would have survived and lived a full life. In most instances where the pregnancy affects the mom's health, inducing and delivering the baby after 24 weeks allows both the mother and baby to live.

Survival statistics based on information taken from the Quint Boenker Premie Survival Foundation reveals that babies born at 24 weeks have a 39 percent chance of survival, those at 25 weeks have a 50 percent chance, those at 26 weeks have an 80 percent chance, those at 27 weeks have a 90 percent chance, and so on. These statistics show us that when someone chooses to abort at this late stage during the pregnancy rather than induce and deliver prematurely, they are choosing to kill a baby that most likely would have survived outside the womb.

Ronald Ernest Paul, an American author, physician, and retired politician, gave this statement: "On one occasion in the 1960s when abortion was still illegal, I witnessed, while visiting

a surgical site as an OB/GYN resident, the abortion of a fetus that weighed approximately two pounds. It was placed in a bucket, crying and struggling to breathe, and the medical personnel pretended not to notice. Soon the crying stopped ... That same day in the OB suite, an early delivery occurred and the infant born was only slightly larger than the one that was just aborted. But in this room everybody did everything conceivable to save this child's life. My conclusion that day was that we were overstepping the bounds of morality by picking and choosing who should live and who should die."

If inducing and delivering the child early is an option that safeguards the health of the mother and gives the child a chance at life, then abortion should not even be an option. While I do not support abortion at any stage during the pregnancy, these new laws in New York legalize the deaths of innocent babies despite the existence of other available options that protect their right to life.

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## TJC is expanding; will we see more campus vehicles coming to campus in the future?

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TJC is a growing academic institution that aims to expand its reach for the nearly 12,000 students attending each semester. One hot topic issue currently circulating the minds of TJC's faculty is the potential expanse for the vehicle pool that TJC retains.

Each year TJC spends nearly \$200,000 in rental expenses, a number that is subject to the variable success held by TJC's extracurricular activities and sports. While this figure appears to be steady, TJC's spending on its own vehicle fleet has drastically fallen over the years. Additionally, miscellaneous vehicle rentals have shown a drastic uptake in spending. Many faculty are left wondering if it is time for the school to reinvest into the vehicle pool.

"There's a lot of competition for this one activity bus that we have ... so the need for a second one is there," said Lauren Tyler, Director of Student Life. "As we grow, as student life grows, as our programs grow, we've got to meet the needs for our activities."

While the need for campus vehicles is certainly present, there are underlying issues when it comes to planning pur-

chases for vehicles on campus.

"Part of our problem in the past has been [that] the old-style, cargo-style vans that we're used to carrying students

purchasing a different type, more like a van, which is approximately \$40,000."

Purchase options for additions to the campus fleet are definitely being discussed, but no solid conclusion can be formed regarding their status until the annual budget is finalized by the end of August.

"A recommendation is given to the board for the budget at the end of the year. The executive cabinet makes the final decisions," said Hutson. "The only departments that ask for vehicles are campus services and police, really no one else owns a vehicle, they're owned by the campus services department. We'll submit our request for the vehicles we want for the fleet, and it will go in as a part of our request."

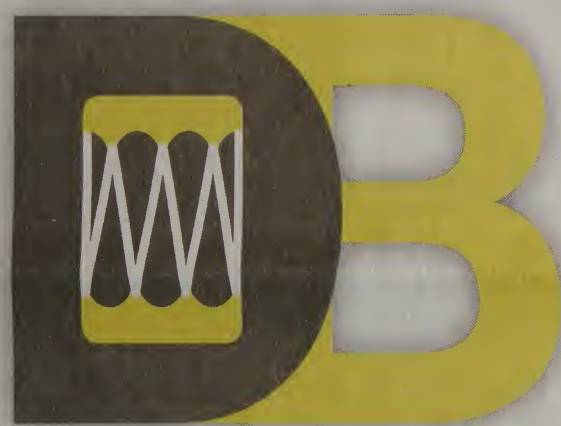
While requests for vehicles certainly carry some weight when regarding the annual budget, they fall down on the priority list compared to campus infrastructure. Vehicles are great tools for extracurricular activities, but campus buildings are used by a far greater percentage of the TJC student population.

For now, extracurricular activities rely on local rental services if campus vehicles are not available, which is becoming more and more commonplace as fleet expenditures continue to decrease. As TJC continues its expanse towards the future, keep an eye out for future investments into the campus fleet.



PHOTO BY HANNAH HORTON

which are about 15 to 20 passengers, were involved in a lot of accidents and they're dangerous generally, so our insurance company wouldn't cover the insurance for those," said Carol Hutson, Executive Director of Business Services. "We were limited in our purchase choices. The People Mover has been a good buy. It's served really well, so we are looking at



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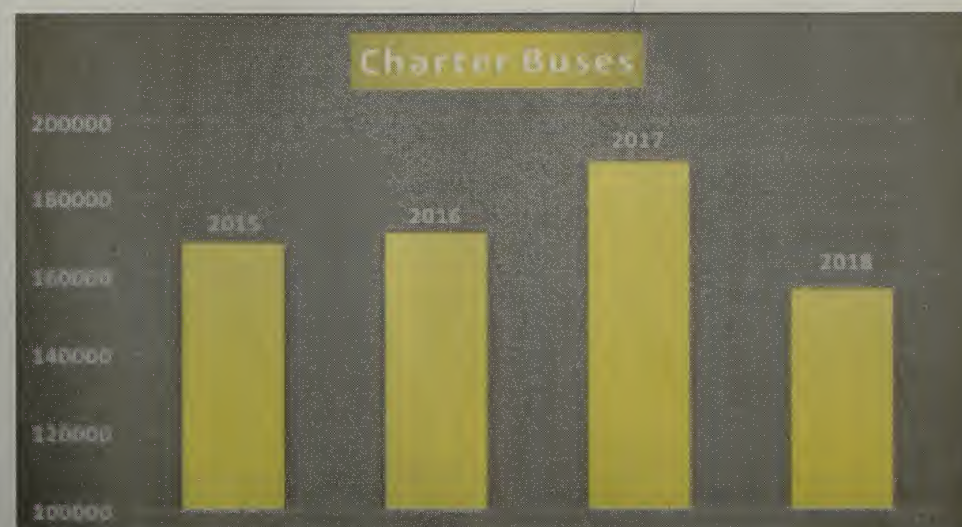
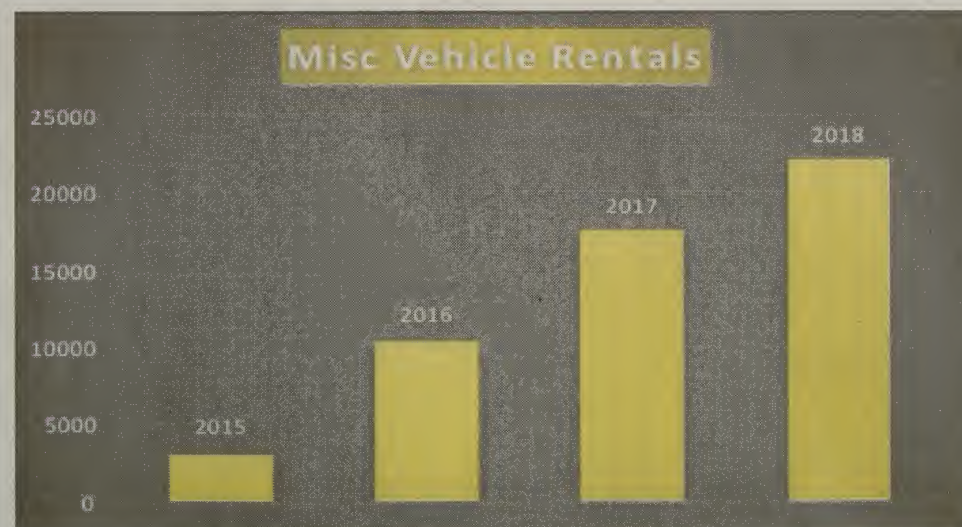
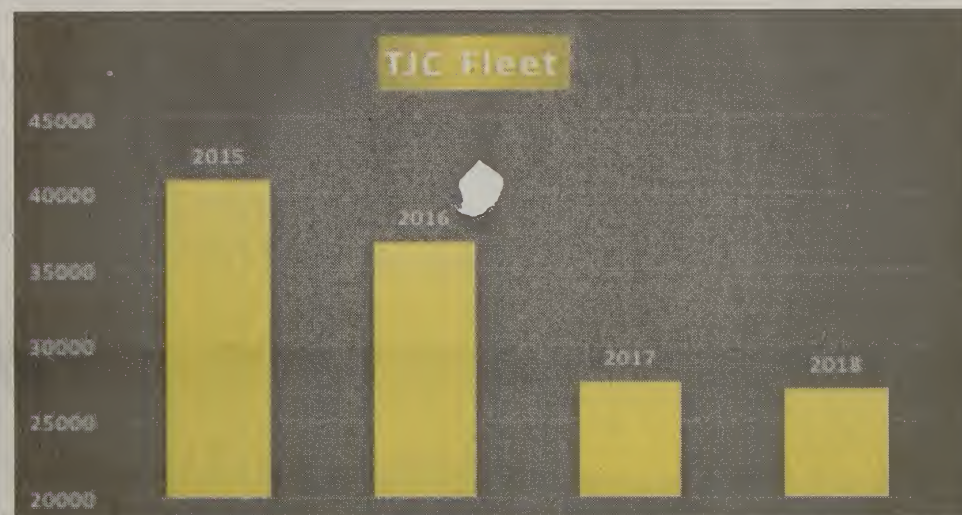
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## Basketball season is bouncing our way

**Brandon Highlander**  
Sports Editor

Over the course of the season, both the Women's and Men's Basketball teams have been dominant.

The men started the season on an eight game win streak, and have been cruising to where they are now, sitting at a 21-5 overall record.

With an 11-5 conference record, the men look to keep climbing to win the last two conference games of the season. The men have only lost two home games over the course of the season.

On Saturday, March 2, TJC men will be hosting a home game against Bossier Parish Community College to cap off the season. The men have only lost two home games over the course of the season.

The ladies are ranked #14 on the latest NJCAA poll and the men are in the top 25 ranking. The women have been showing out lately, holding a 24-4 overall record and a 14-2 conference

record.

Recently their massive twelve game winning streak came to an end at the hands of Kilgore College, but the women hope to bounce back, and will be having their final regular season game in Beeville against Coastal Bend College on March 2.

Both the men and women have thrived off of the support of the fans, and hope to continue doing so.

Come out and support the basketball teams as they near the ends of their seasons!



## ATHLETIC CALENDAR

### March 1

TJC Baseball vs Murray State College 6pm Away

### March 2

TJC Baseball vs Muray State College 1pm Away  
TJC W. Basketbal vs Coastal Bend College 1pm Away  
TJC M/W Tennis vs Seward County CC 1pm Away  
TJC M. Basketball vs Bossier Parrish CC 4pm Home  
TJC Softball vs Cisco College 4pm Brook Hill

### March 3

TJC Softball vs Weatherford College 1pm Brook Hill

### March 4

TJC W. Golf vs A&M Commerce Tournament Away  
TJC Baseball vs Panola Colege 2pm Home

### March 6

TJC Softball vs Angelina College 2pm Away

### March 8

TJC Softball Tournament TBA Longview  
TJC M/W Tennis Pensacola Florida Invitational

### March 9

TJC Baseball vs Joliet JC 7pm Home

### March 10

TJC Baseball vs Joliet JC 2pm Home

### March 13

TJC Softball vs Western Nebraska CC 2pm Brook Hill  
TJC Baseball vs Letourneau University 4pm Away

### March 15

TJC Softball vs Angelina College 1pm Away

## “A healthier lifestyle”

### Health and Wellness Expo coming to TJC

**Hannah Horton**  
Editor-in-Chief

This month, TJC will be hosting the fourth annual Health and Wellness Expo.

According to Lauren Tyler, Director of Student Life, the event aims to help students and community members to live healthier lives and learn more about vendors in the Tyler area.

“College students sometimes become a little bit more lax on [their] health, because [they are] putting [their] focus on academics or social things ... It was just kind of a type of an event that we saw we weren't offering. We really try to reach all kinds of students ... And, we have a lot of local vendors who are always asking to come to campus, and we want to provide avenues for students who may not be from here to know what's out there in the community,” she explained.

“It's really just an opportunity to get the word out about living somewhat of a healthier

lifestyle to students, faculty and staff,” said Tyler. “We have a little bit of everything. Everyone from mental health, to Carter Blood Care, to chiropractors to aestheticians who will check the moisture in your face.”

Tyler mentioned that the Expo will offer a variety of free samples and services.

“We really try to make it very interactive ... We don't approve a booth to come unless they're either going to give something away or provide some sort of service ... the chiropractor would check your alignment, or Smoothie King passes out little samples,” described Tyler.

The Health and Wellness Expo will take place on March 6 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Rogers Student Center Apache Rooms. It is free to attend, and community members are welcome.

“You don't have to be super fit to come. It's for any type of person who wants to improve their well-being,” added Tyler, “and we all could use a little help in that area.”



COURTESY- LAUREN TYLER

Learning Framework professor Dr. EJ Unegbu rides a biking simulator at the 2017 Health and Wellness Expo.



COURTESY- LAUREN TYLER

Students receive free samples from The Vitamin Shoppe Tyler at the 2017 Health and Wellness Expo.

## Upcoming fine arts events



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**TJC Jazz Festival.** 7 p.m. Wise Auditorium. Free Admission

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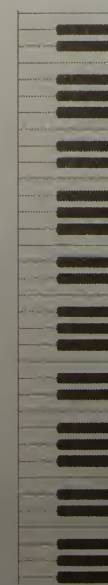
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**Student Recital Series.** Noon. Jean Browne Theatre.

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**Guest Piano Recital: Brian Hsu.** 7 p.m. Jean Browne Theatre. Free admission.



## INTERNATIONAL Q&A



## International Q&A with David Pacheco



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**Maya Gayler**  
Managing Editor

**Why did you choose TJC?**

A friend found it, and my parents decided that this was a very good option for them to finance. And I thought it was going to be cool.

**What did your family say about you moving to the US for college?**

It was a big step for me, but they trusted me.

**Did you experience any culture shock?**

No, I have been to the states before, and I already know how it is. But I got homesick probably, like, three times last year.

**How did you make friends?**

The different organizations I joined. Then being an RA; I met new different people.

**What is your major and why?**

My major is civil engineering, because my role model in life is a civil engineer. I worked an internship last summer

with a civil engineer company, and I just loved it, so I stayed with it.

**What do you think of Texas?**

I love Texas. It was the best decision I ever made in my life. It's so diverse; there are so many cultures. Nobody judges nobody because there's so much diversity. There's nothing established here, this place is too big.

**Do you plan on returning to Honduras permanently?**

Not really, because of the political problems going on. I don't see that going better. I'm planning to stay here or go to South America.

**How often do you go home?**

I try to go every Christmas and every summer. But I didn't go this Christmas so I'm going for spring break.

**Where are you going after TJC, and why?**

I am wanting to go to SMU, but if that doesn't work then I have three other schools that I'll probably go to. I have family in Dallas, and I go there a lot, and it is close to Tyler, so I can stay in touch with friends from here. And SMU is in the middle of Dallas, and I just love Dallas.

## Q&A

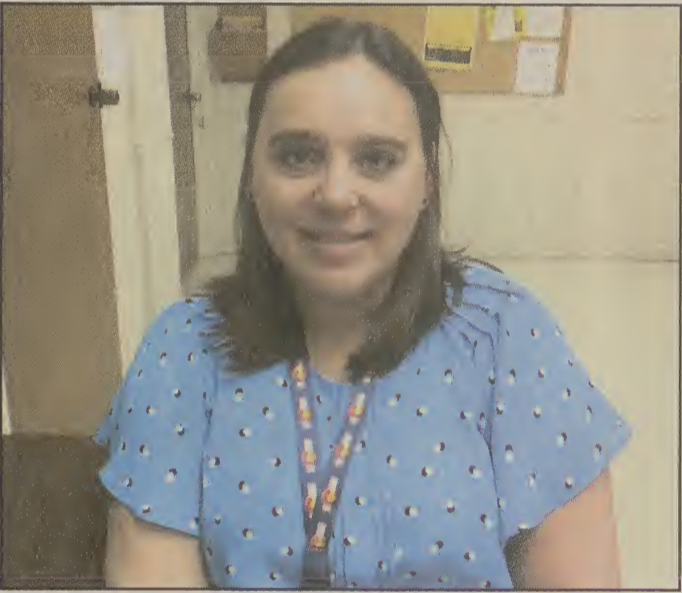


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**Anna Grace Drewett**  
Staff Writer

**What led to you begin teaching Environmental Biology?**

I majored in agriculture at college, but they needed someone to teach Environmental Biology, so I moved over from agriculture to teach this class.

**Where did you go to college?**

Stephen F. Austin in Nacogdoches

**Have you always taught at TJC?**

I have taught here since 2005. Before that, I taught some in grad school at SFA.

**What inspired you to teach?**

## Q&A with Jeannie Lafferty, biology professor

I've always enjoyed talking to people and sharing information with them.

**What do you like to see in your students?**

I really enjoy eureka moments—when something they're not familiar with starts to make sense.

**What is one interesting fact about yourself?**

I am a first-generation college student.

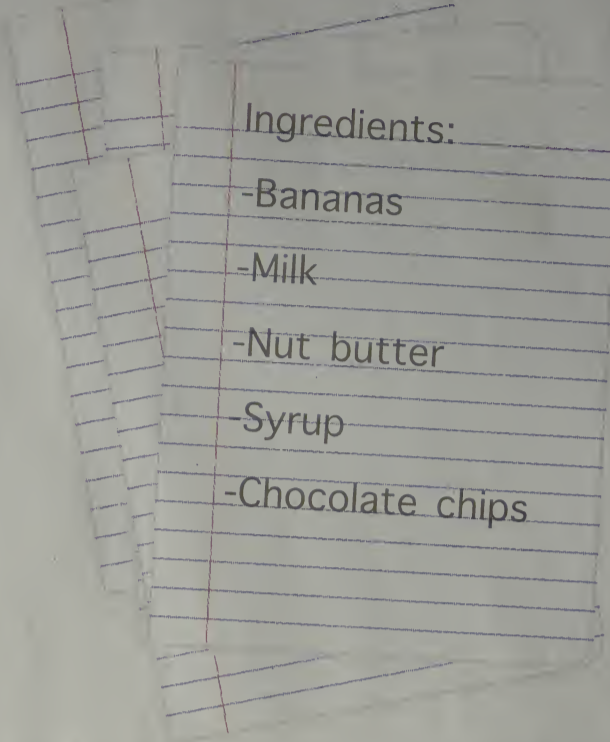
**What activities do you enjoy outside of teaching?**

I recently become scuba certified. This activity opens up the word to things that most people don't experience. I also love being outdoors.

**What is your home life like?**

I have two dogs named Biggy and Bowser who are both rescue dogs. I have been married 20 years to my husband, Chuck.

## COLLEGE COOKING



## Chocolate chip banana ice cream

**Taylor Tallant**  
Staff Writer

Instead of settling for the cheap college kid diet, I am challenged by what I can cook in my dorm room that is both nutritious and affordable.

I have to admit it, I have the biggest sweet tooth. My favorite dessert is anything with chocolate, and then more chocolate. In an effort to satisfy my chocolate cravings while maintaining a healthy diet, I discovered a delicious recipe that does both.

All of these ingredients can be found in the cafeteria. Make sure you pace yourself though, or else they might notice when all the bananas disappear.

This scrumptious sweet treat takes seconds to mix together and about an hour and a half to freeze. That gives you plenty of time to grab a fresh sandwich from Subway with the peace of mind that dessert awaits.

Although this delicious delicacy can be made with two percent milk, sugar-filled syrup, and milk chocolate chips, I decided to take the challenge even further. Desiring to fuel my body with the healthiest cuisines, even when it comes to dessert, I found this recipe to be just as tasty with alternative ingredients that have less sugar, less calories and more nutrients. For example, substituting the sugary syrup located at the pancake and waffle bar for the organic agave syrup found by the coffee. I discovered that all of these ingredients can be found in a healthier option while satisfying the same sweet tooth.

**Directions:**

1. Remove banana peel and mush banana with a fork
2. Mix in milk, nut butter, syrup, and chocolate chips until desired taste
3. Freeze mixture for one to two hours
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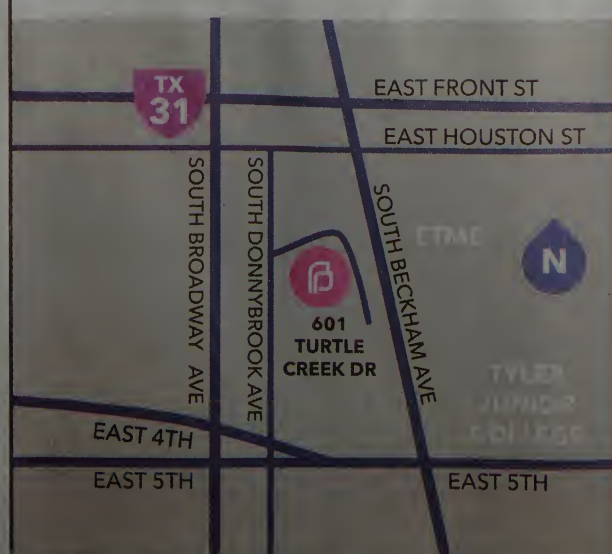
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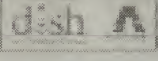
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23. Daytime entertainment, pl.
24. Spouse's parent
25. Neil Diamond's "Beautiful \_\_\_\_"
27. Intestinal obstruction
28. N in RN
29. Mirths
32. \*1 or 68, e.g.
33. Crew tool
36. \*Automatic vs. \_\_\_\_
38. Creepy one
40. \*Coach's locker room talk
41. Similar to sextant
44. Andrew \_\_\_\_ Webber
46. \*Hang a banner, e.g.
48. Abraham Lincoln bill, slangily
49. Lacking sense
50. Ruptured
51. Ice, dark, and middle
52. \*Twelve's opponent
53. Type of molding
54. Forearm bone
55. Purges
56. Slovenly abode

Solutions for Issue 8:

A	G	E	S			E	A	R			F	A	T
R	I	T	E			A	X	L	E		A	B	A
C	R	U	X			F	E	E	L		B	R	I
	L	I	T	E	R	A	C	Y			E	I	R
			E	D	I	T	S			L	A	O	
A	C	E	T	I	C				J	I	M	C	R
B	A	N			C	A	T	N	A	P		H	E
O	C	T	E	T			H	I	V		P	E	C
M	A	R	X			S	A	L	A	M	I		U
B	O	Y	C	O	T	T				I	N	B	R
			I	V	Y			M	A	N	T	A	
	K	I	T	E			M	A	L	C	O	L	M
C	I	D	E	R			U	R	G	E		S	E
I	N	E	R	T			S	C	A	R		A	M
A	G	A					T	H	E			S	O

9	6	4	1	3	5	8	7	2
7	2	3	8	4	6	5	1	9
5	1	8	9	2	7	6	3	4
6	4	1	7	9	8	3	2	5
2	3	5	4	6	1	9	8	7
8	9	7	2	5	3	1	4	6
1	7	6	5	8	2	4	9	3
4	5	2	3	1	9	7	6	8
3	8	9	6	7	4	2	5	1